

Axelella, New Name for *Olssonella* Petit, 1970, a Preoccupied Taxon (Mollusca: Cancellariacea)

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The cancellariid genus *Olssonella* Petit, 1970, was proposed for a rather compact and well-defined group of species from the Later Tertiary and Recent faunas of the Americas. An Eastern Atlantic species was subsequently placed in this genus by Bouchet and Warén (1985:263), and the morphology of the type species was published by Harasewych and Petit (1984). The taxon has been used by a number of other authors since it was proposed. Unfortunately, it has just been noted that *Olssonella* is preoccupied, and a replacement name is here proposed.

Axelella, new name for *Olssonella* Petit, 1970:83.
Not *Olssonella* Glibert & Van de Poel, 1967:121.

Type species, by original designation of *Olssonella* Petit, 1970, *Cancellaria smithii* Dall, 1888, Recent, Western Atlantic.

This new name honors the late Axel A. Olsson, as did the name it replaces, and the name which makes the replacement necessary.

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